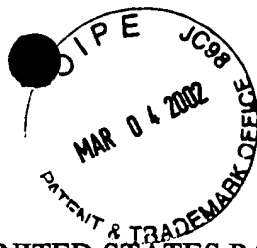


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HIROYUKI INOUE, et al.

Application No.: 08/796,519

Filed: February 7, 1997

For: INK CONTAINER FOR INK
JET PRINTING, HOLDER FOR
THE CONTAINER, CARRIAGE
FOR THE HOLDER AND
INK JET PRINTER

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2001 for two months from January 3, 2002 to Monday, March 4, 2002.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$400.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

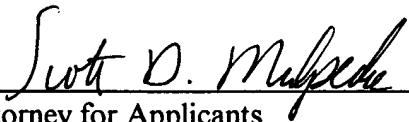
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